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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment about steady. Demand was light to fair, with some interest for Easter and Thanksgiving needs. Light volumes of hens and toms traded in the East and Midwest for prompt shipment. Offerings were tight to fully adequate. Supplies of breast meats and trims were in close balance to tight. Breast meat was needed for cold storage programs to cover the seasonally high summer demand and current trading pushed prices higher in areas. Availability of wings, necks and drums tightened and prices occasionally edged higher.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

A heavy volume of thigh meat moved into multiple export channels. Supplies of thigh meat tightened and prices close to bottomed. A fair amount of 15-20% skin added Mechanically Separated Turkey moved East for Eastern Europe and a light volume South to the border.



Effective January 4, 1999, all turkey reports are being issued from the Des Moines Market News office. As a result of our review of trade practices and reporting procedures, we have revised the reports to better serve the needs of our customers. Call your local Market News office for further details.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **FEBRUARY 02, 1999**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS											
EASTERN REGION 3/	55-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6482	FEB-AUG
CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	55-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS											
EASTERN REGION 3/	55-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6117	FEB-AUG
CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	55-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	55-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-59	57.25	57.25	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	55-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS											
EASTERN REGION 3/	55-62	57	57.00	80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-59	57.25	57.25	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	55-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 02 FEBRUARY 1999.

Frozen thigh meat trade sentiment barely steady to weak with some sellers reluctant to offer out at the lower trending trading levels. Trade sentiment on tom drums steady to fully steady mostly steady with some sellers demonstrating increased confidence, tom wings steady to fully steady mostly fully steady with 2-joints strongest, hen 2-joint wings steady to barely steady with spot availability noted. For export: tom full-cut wings (1 container) 18, hen 2-joint wings (2 containers) 35, frozen strap-in tenderloins (3 containers) 118 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	95.98	3,089
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	127.84	1,280
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	88.00		88.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		M	16.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	17.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		M	18.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	22.25	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	25.00	26
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	38.00		38.00	20
NECKS, TOM		M	20.00	40
NECKS, HEN		R	18.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	167.00		167.00	12
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		M	164.00	40
THIGH MEAT	47.00		47.00	200
THIGH MEAT—FRESH				
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	113.50	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	100.33	120
TENDERLOINS		W	116.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	136.50	160
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.50		15.50	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		M	14.78	1,200
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	17.00		17.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	26.00	208
TAILS	20.00		20.00	52
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	13.00		13.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	45.50-50.00		47.50	608

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted. 3/ Without tenderloins. 4/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	79-82
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	77
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	65
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	65-70
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	70-75

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	90-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	81-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	81-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	82-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	90-115

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	127.84	1,280
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	87.00		87.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		M	16.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	18.00		18.00	14
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		M	18.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	22.00		22.00	14
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	25.00	26
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	38.00	20
NECKS, TOM	22.00		22.00	14
NECKS, HEN		R	18.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	167.00	12
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	165.00-173.00		168.23	260
THIGH MEAT	43.50-44.00		43.67	240
THIGH MEAT—FRESH				
BREAST TRIM MEAT	115.00		115.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	100.33	120
TENDERLOINS		W	116.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	140.00		140.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	56.50-58.00		57.17	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.00		15.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.00		15.00	120

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	18.00-19.50		18.20	300
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	26.00	208
TAILS	18.50-21.00		19.18	224
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	13.00-15.50		13.97	692
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	41.00-46.00		44.42	1,050

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA
POULTRY HEALTH BOARD

WEEK ENDING 01/27/99

ACCUMULATED

SEASON	HEAVY WHITE	HEAVY WHITES	ALL BREEDERS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30			
1998-99	20,673	293,994	294,344
1997-98	15,840	302,097	302,347

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